

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF CHILD CUSTODY ORDER

Use this form only if:

1. There is an existing child custody order from the Hoopa Valley Tribal Court
2. You are a parent or were a party to case at the time the existing order was issued; or you believe that you have a right to participate in the court action based on your relationship to the child (children); and,
3. You want to ask the court to change the existing order and have a good reason for the court to change the existing order. Changes requested may include but are not limited to a change in the physical and/or legal custody of the child (children) to another person; a change in the terms or limitations of visitation; and a change from a temporary order to a permanent order.

DIRECTIONS: When completing the form for a Petition for Modification of Child Custody Order, be sure to fill in the blanks, and sign and date the form. When you have completed the form, return them to the Tribal Court Clerk for processing and further instructions. The following will help you fill in the blanks that are preceded with [#]'s.

/# 1/ Fill in the case number that has already been assigned to the case.

/# 2/ Fill in the names of the child or children and next to each name fill in the child's birthdate.

/# 3/ Fill in your full name and your relationship to the child or children.

/# 4/ Fill in the name(s) of the person(s) to currently has custody of the child or children.

/#5 / Check the appropriate box or boxes.

/# 6/ Complete this section by presenting the reasons and all the facts that you believe support your request for modification. If you need additional space, you may attached another page.

/# 7/ Complete this section by stating exactly what you want the court to do and how you want the child custody order to be changed.

/# 8/ Fill in the date you complete and sign the form

/# 9/ Sign your name(s) and fill in your mailing address.

**HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COURT
HOOPA, CALIFORNIA**

In re the matter of:

/# 2/

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/# 1/ CASE NO. _____

PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF CHILD CUSTODY ORDER

COMES NOW */# 3/* _____

seeking modification of the child custody order granting custody of the child to

/# 4/ _____.

THIS PETITION IS BEING REQUESTED BECAUSE:

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☐ (a) New evidence, which was not known or could not with due diligence have been made available to the previous hearing and which might affect the previous order, has been discovered;

or

☐ (b) Irregularities in the proceedings prevented a fair hearing;

or

☐ (c) There have been changes in circumstances.

/#6/ This motion for modification is based on, and supported by the following facts:

[#7] The following modification is hereby requested:

[# 8] Dated: _____

Respectfully submitted,

City, State, Zip Code